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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Lamb:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed on April 18, 2006, which has a shortened statutory time to reply that ends on July 18, 2006.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 7.